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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 2 p.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Wednesday, August 17, 2005 9:51 a.m.
Nature of Call: Attempted murder
Location of Call: 550 North Lake Blvd. Tahoe City
Case Number: SO-05-0012111
Released by: Sgt. Dan Ingalls (530) 581-6306

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

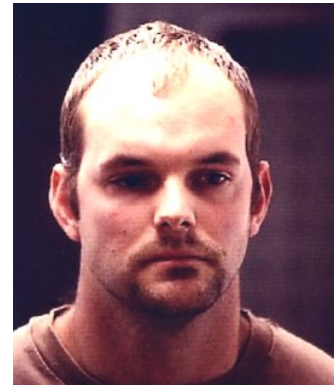
Placer County Sheriff's investigators have arrested Timothy George Brooks, 25, of Truckee for attempted murder after a road rage incident escalated to a stabbing Wednesday morning in Tahoe City.

The investigation indicates Brooks and the victim, Robert Lawrence Ash, 48, also of Truckee, engaged in an exchange of words after Ash allegedly cut off Brooks in traffic on Hwy. 89, north of Squaw Valley Road. The driving incident enraged Brooks to the point that he searched for Ash for approximately a half-hour prior to finding him in Tahoe City. Once Brooks found Ash, the two drivers became involved in a verbal argument that escalated to a physical fight.

The altercation ended when Brooks stabbed Ash once in the abdomen. After a witness called 911, Placer County sheriff's deputies arrived and took Brooks into custody without incident.

Victim Robert Ash was transported to Tahoe Forest Hospital by ambulance where he underwent emergency surgery. He was later transferred to Washoe Medical Center in Reno where he remains in critical condition.

Brooks was booked at the Placer County Jail in Tahoe City and later transferred to Auburn where he remains in custody without bail pending arraignment.



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